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## **DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

### **Federal Aviation Administration**

#### **14 CFR Part 71**

**[Docket No. FAA-2012-0651; Airspace Docket No. 12-AGL-7]**

#### **Amendment of Class E Airspace; Middletown, OH**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends Class E airspace at Middletown, OH. Additional controlled airspace is necessary to accommodate new Area Navigation (RNAV) Standard Instrument Approach Procedures at Middletown Regional/Hook Field Airport. The airport's non-directional beacon's (NDB) geographic coordinates are also updated, as well as the airport name. The FAA is taking this action to enhance the safety and management of Instrument Flight Rule (IFR) operations at the airport.

**DATES:** Effective date: 0901 UTC, June 27, 2013. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR Part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order 7400.9 and publication of conforming amendments.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **History**

On November 30, 2012, the FAA published in the FEDERAL REGISTER a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) to amend Class E airspace for the Middletown, OH, area, creating additional controlled airspace at Middletown Regional/Hook Field Airport (77 FR 71364) Docket No. FAA-2012-0651. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal to the FAA. No comments were received. Class E airspace designations are published in paragraph 6005 of FAA Order 7400.9W dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1. The Class E airspace designations listed in this document will be published subsequently in the Order.

### **The Rule**

This action amends Title 14 Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) Part 71 by amending Class E airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface to ensure that required controlled airspace exists from the 6.5-mile radius of the airport to 12.3 miles northeast of the airport, 11.2 miles southwest of the airport, and 7 miles southwest of the Hook Field NDB navigation aid, to contain aircraft executing new standard instrument approach procedures at Middletown Regional/Hook Field Airport, Middletown, OH. This action enhances the safety and management of IFR operations at the airport. The geographic coordinates of the Middletown Regional/Hook Field airport, formerly known as Hook Field Airport, and the Hook Field NDB are also updated to coincide with the FAA's aeronautical database.

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. Therefore, this regulation: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under DOT Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the U.S. Code. Subtitle 1, Section 106, describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it amends controlled airspace at Middletown Regional/Hook Field Airport, Middletown, OH.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1E, "Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures," paragraph 311a. This airspace action is

not expected to cause any potentially significant environmental impacts, and no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment.

### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (Air)

### **Adoption of the Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR Part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71—DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR Part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(g), 40103, 40113, 40120; E. O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§ 71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR Part 71.1 of the Federal Aviation Administration Order 7400.9W, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 8, 2012, and effective September 15, 2012, is amended as follows:

Paragraph 6005: Class E airspace areas extending upward from 700 feet or more above the surface.

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#### **AGL OH E5 Middletown, OH [Amended]**

Middletown Regional/Hook Field Airport, OH

(lat. 39°31'55"N., long. 84°23'47"W.)

Hook Field NDB

(lat. 39°29'56"N., long. 84°26'51"W.)

That airspace extending upward from 700 feet above the surface within a 6.5-mile radius of Middletown Regional/Hook Field Airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 050° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 12.3 miles northeast of the airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 229° bearing from the airport extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 11.2 miles southwest of the airport, and within 2 miles each side of the 234° bearing from the Hook Field NDB extending from the 6.5-mile radius to 7 miles southwest of the NDB.

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